

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on Monday, July 18, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Austin opened in prayer. Judge Link led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Bernard Mardis-Cable TV, and James Perkins. Judge Link updated on the Additions to the Agenda.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the July 05, 2005, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, and Jail Fund, for the month of July, 2005, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them. Some discussion was held on the Claim in the Jail Fund to Correct Care. Judge Link will check with the County Treasurer on this Claim.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-0046 thru 01-0111 in the amount of \$182,499.01 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0019 thru 02-0039 in the amount of \$60,281.00 paid out of the Road Fund; and Claims No. 03-0010 thru 03-0051 in the amount of \$158,626.93 paid out of the Jail Fund, for the month of July, 2005, along

with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Report of the Building Inspector for June. No action is required. It is as follows:

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Judge Link presented for review and action the Deed of Exchange of Properties by and between the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Finance and Administration Cabinet, on behalf of the Kentucky Department of Veteran's Affairs, and the County of Grant, a subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Grant County Joint Local Industrial Development Authority, and the Grant County Recreation, Tourist & Convention Commission, regarding the purchase of land for the purpose of creating a Military cemetery. It is as follows: He updated on this and requested a Motion to approve of the deed and to authorize him to sign same on behalf of Fiscal Court. He stated that this has been signed by Governor Ernie Fletcher and is an exchange of property between all parties and the State of Kentucky. The original land to be donated for the Veteran's cemetery was for 100 acres of land owned by the county located on Eibeck Lane in Williamstown, and it was determined that the front 100 acres adjacent to Interstate 75 and Eibeck Lane owned by the County of Grant would better serve them for this purpose, so this deed is for the exchange of the 100 acres, and that all parties involved have agreed to the exchange of properties as presented.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve the Deed of Exchange of Properties by and between the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by

and through the Finance and Administration Cabinet, on behalf of the Kentucky Department of Veterans's Affairs, and the county of Grant, the Grant County Joint Local Industrial Development Authority, and the Grant County Recreation, Tourist & Convention Commission regarding the purchase of land for the purpose of creating a Military cemetery, and to authorize the Judge/Executive to sign said deed on behalf of Grant County Fiscal Court.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the County Treasurer's Monthly Cash Position Report for June 2005. No action is required. It is as follows:

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Judge Link presented for review and action the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Grant County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Judicial Branch Capital Plan 2002-2008. It is as follows: Magistrate Austin asked if these funds were the same as the funds they had reviewed before. Judge Link was not sure and said that he would need to get some clarification. He did update on what he thought had taken place in the past when Judge Howard was here and the Court had refused to sign off on what they had presented. He also said that later the AOC had said that the county had made a good decision not to sign at that time. He did state that these funds were to build a Judicial Center to house the Judicial Judges, Judge Bates, Judge Funk and Judge Purcell. It will also house the Circuit Clerk's Offices, some Courtrooms and perhaps build to meet some other Standards. He stated that this Courthouse, of which he is very proud of and is a very nice facility, will stay here and

that County Government offices will remain in it as well as those offices that we lease to, such as the Veteran's Office, the Planning and Zoning and the Building Inspector, and the County Attorney's Office unless he chooses to move. This will allow each of these offices to expand as additional space is needed. He explained that he loves this building and it will stay here and remain here. He stated that the location of the new Center is yet to be determined. He updated on a Committee that will have to be appointed to decide this. He stated that he will be on the Committee as well as Judge Bates, Shirley Wilson-Circuit Clerk, a representative from the local Bar Association, one representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and one member of the Fiscal Court. The Court will have to appoint them probably at the next meeting and then the names will be submitted to the AOC and then they will provide further instructions, and the site location will be done by this Committee. They will also review architectural proposals and choose an Architect. They will also decide if a Construction Management Firm is needed and will name one. He updated on the last Jail project and stated that the Architectural Firm and the Construction Management firm were the same and he did not want to see that happen this time. He stated that after all of this is done they will then turn it over to the county to build. Magistrate Austin questioned the possibility of it being built in Dry Ridge. Judge Link said to his knowledge that the county seat has not been moved to Dry Ridge. It is still Williamstown. He also updated on the fact that the City of Williamstown has down a lot and put a lot of money into downtown Williamstown to make it a better place for us all to come to one place to do our business in one proximity. He said that it seems like everyone still comes to the Courthouse, whether it be one building or two, to do business and he would like to see the new Center built in the City

of Williamstown. Judge Link also updated on “The Great Race” that was put on by the City of Williamstown and said that it was a great success. Williamstown was selected as the “Best Lunch Stop” and he complimented Rick Skinner and Bob Perry and all of those who worked so hard to make this happen. It was a proud day for the City of Williamstown and the county, and he said that the Grant County Public Library would receive \$5,000.00 for being selected. He thanked all citizens and organizations for pulling together and making a great force to accomplish this. He also updated on a picture that looks like him which is located all over the Courthouse that shows the Seniors Bash will be held again this year on September 15th to honor our Senior citizens. It will be a Western theme and he encouraged all to go out and find them a western outfit for the event and come out and have a good time. Magistrate Conrad suggested that it would be a good idea for all of the businesses who have the wooden horses that were used during the May Derby Day to bring them out to the park for this event.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Grant County and the Administrative Office of the Court for the Judicial Branch Capital Plan 2002-2008 as presented, and to authorize the Judge/Executive to sign same on behalf of the Fiscal Court.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link reminded Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be on Monday, July 25, 2005, at 5:30 P.M., and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, August 01, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to

Adjourn until Monday, August 01, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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